

**PLAYWRIGHT ESCAPES
TOMBS BY ELOQUENCE**

Sydney Rosenfeld, Sentenced
for Contempt, Sways
Judge by Plea.

IS PAROLED OVER SUNDAY

As Witness in City Court He
Refused to Answer
Questions.

Sydney Rosenfeld, playwright and president of the National Federation of Theatre Clubs, was committed to the Tombs for five days yesterday for contempt of court by City Court Justice McAvoy. As Deputy Sheriff Juskovitz was taking Rosenfeld to prison the playwright pleaded for an opportunity to ask Justice McAvoy to exercise leniency and save him from the Tombs. He pleaded his case so eloquently that Justice McAvoy decided to consider the case over Sunday and paroled Rosenfeld in his own custody until to-morrow afternoon.

The charge against Rosenfeld was, first, that he had failed to obey an order for examination in supplementary proceedings on a judgment obtained by William Birne, Inc., for \$204, and second, that he refused to answer questions after he had been induced to come to court.

The order for his examination was signed September 25 by Justice La Fette, but on October 20, when he was supposed to appear, he was not on hand. Counsel for the judgment creditor got the playwright on the telephone and told him his default would be excused if he would be on hand another day. Rosenfeld agreed to appear last Friday.

Rosenfeld appeared on Friday, but after he had been questioned for five minutes he refused to say anything more about his financial condition, but put on his hat and started out of the court room. The attorney warned him not to be hasty and suggested that they go before the judge and have him determine whether the questions were proper. Rosenfeld said he was going to leave and that the lawyer could do as he liked. The lawyer then got an order of arrest for the playwright.

Deputy Sheriff Juskovitz arrested Rosenfeld at his home in West 116th street, but when he was taken before Justice McAvoy the attorney for the plaintiff said that an agreement had been reached with Rosenfeld and he was willing that the playwright be released.

"Your private agreement with the judgment debtor doesn't appease the court for the indignity cast upon it," said Justice McAvoy, "and I sentence him to five days in the Tombs for his conduct."

Rosenfeld began to shake and his voice was choked so that he didn't find his speech until after he left the court room. Then it returned to him suddenly and he pleaded for a chance to talk with Justice McAvoy. He told the court he didn't know he was putting himself in contempt of court by his conduct on Friday and was willing to do anything to make amends. The court then decided to think over the case before sending the playwright to prison.

SAYS HISTORY IS BADLY TAUGHT.
Brooklyn Principal Tells Educators
Method Is Wrong.

ALBANY, Nov. 29.—The system of instruction in civics and history now generally employed was attacked by James Sullivan, principal of the Boys' High School, Brooklyn, in a paper read today before the convention of the Association of Colleges and Preparatory Schools of the Middle States and Maryland.

He argued that the course dealt too largely with the machinery of government and not enough with the social aspects of civics and history, the result being that students are often ignorant of problems about which they should be fairly well informed. Ignorance, he pointed out, especially of the principles of government, is responsible in a measure for bad citizenship.

The convention closed today. The following officers were elected: President, Principal John C. Sharpe of Blair Academy, Blairstown, N. J.; vice-presidents, John A. Dunbar, Morris High School, New York city; George A. Hutter, Delaware College, Newark, Del.; Anna J. McKear, Wilson College, Chambersburg, Pa.; Francis G. Soper, Baltimore College, Baltimore; Wayland E. Stewart, Haverford High School, Newark, N. J.; secretary, George William McClelland, University of Pennsylvania; treasurer, Stanley R. Yarnall, Friends School, Germantown, Pa.; executive committee, Arthur H. Quinn, Philadelphia; Augustus S. Downing, Albany; Joseph Swain, Swarthmore, Pa.

BREWERS IN SILK BUSINESS.

Weber Estate Appraisal Shows
Ehret's and Ruppert's Side Line.

George Ehret and Jacob Ruppert, brewers, are in the silk manufacturing business as a side line for their main industry, and control the largest silk factory on Long Island. This was disclosed yesterday when the appraisal of the estate of John Weber, a silk manufacturer, was filed. Mr. Weber owned 465 shares of the Astoria Silk Works of Long Island City, appraised at \$81,375. George H. Kern, an executor under his will, said that the stock of the silk mill is closely held and that it is controlled by Ehret and Ruppert. Mr. Weber left a total estate of \$774,382, of which \$667,825 was the value of fifteen parcels of real estate. The most valuable were 1111 Madison avenue, worth \$245,000, and 1379 Lexington avenue, appraised at \$60,000. The net estate of \$655,250 went to Weber's two daughters, Emma and Laura, and his son, Robert, outright and in trust to his son Hugo and daughter Louise.

POOR, BUT HE PAYS \$65 RENT.

Lawyer Can't Settle \$20 Judgment,
but Admits Living Well.

Harry Levor, a lawyer at 320 Broadway, was admitted yesterday in the City Court while under examination in supplementary proceedings that he can't pay a judgment for \$20. He said he pays \$65 a month rent for an apartment at 829 West End avenue, but has had no bank account since last January and hasn't seen a check since that time.

The lawyer has no watch or jewelry, he said, and he has no expectation of getting any money, because no one owes him anything.

The court appointed Alderman-elect Harry Robitzek receiver of Levor's property.

PERFORMS UNIQUE OPERATION.

Col. R. H. Elliott Shows Method for
Treating Eye Hardening.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 29.—Col. R. H. Elliott, a British army surgeon, who is known throughout the world as the inventor of the "Elliott operation" for glaucoma, or hardening of the eyeball, demonstrated his method before about twenty Philadelphia ophthalmologists in a special clinic at the Medico-Chirurgical Hospital to-day.

Four men and two women were treated without the use of ether, and in each case the result was satisfactory, so far as could be determined at the time.

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10,000 Pillow Tops

of rich Upholstery Fabrics, cut in Squares (24 x 24 inches) and Oblongs (17 x 24 inches), regularly sold at 75c. to \$2.50, will be placed on sale at the special prices of

25c., 35c., 50c., 75c. & 95c. each
Among the above, which may also be suitably used for making a variety of fancy articles for holiday presentation, are attractive effects in metal broche, silk tapestries, wool tapestries, satin damask, brocades, tinsel tapestries, armures, plain and figured velours, etc., in a wide range of artistic colors.

Very Great Reductions have been made, to close out, in the prices of

**Misses' and Small Women's
Dresses and Tailor-made
Suits**

which are now marked at the following prices:

Tailor-made Suits, originally \$25.00 to \$48.00, at \$15.00, 18.00 & 25.00

Afternoon Dresses of silk fabrics in the fashionable colors, originally \$28.00 to \$55.00, at \$14.50 & 24.00

Street Dresses of Velveteen, originally \$32.00 at \$18.00

Elaborate Evening Gowns of silk, chiffon and lace, variously combined, originally \$38.00 to 75.00, at \$24.00, 38.00 & 45.00

High-cost Imported Gowns for Evening and Afternoon wear are now offered at greatly reduced prices.

**A Reduction Sale of
Women's Coats & Wraps
(Sizes Incomplete)**

will comprise a large number of desirable Outergarments taken from the regular stock and quoted at

\$14.50, 18.00, 25.00 and upward

Final reductions have been made in the prices of the remaining stock of Women's Imported Coats and Wraps, including many elaborate models for Afternoon and Evening wear, originally \$95.00 to 650.00, now marked, to close out, at \$45.00, 75.00, 95.00 to 225.00

**Men's and Women's
Twilled Silk Umbrellas**

will be offered at the following appreciable concessions from the regular prices:

Twilled Silk Umbrellas, sizes 26 and 28 inches, natural wood handles; actual value \$3.50 at \$2.00

Twilled Silk Umbrellas, sizes 26 and 28 inches, with novelty handles in a variety of styles; actual value \$5.00, at \$3.50

A very choice selection of Imported Umbrella Handles is now being displayed, among which will be found many whose beauty of materials and workmanship will commend them for recherche Christmas gifts.

For WEDNESDAY,**Dec. 3rd****A VERY REMARKABLE SALE OF
FURS AND FUR GARMENTS**

has been prepared, consisting of a very large number of Furs of superior quality, made especially for this occasion in the latest approved styles. These Furs will be offered, in the enlarged Department on the Third Floor, at the following extraordinary price advantages:

Women's Fur Coats

in medium and full lengths, some plain, others with collars of contrasting fur; sizes 32 to 42 bust measure.

Karakul Coats at \$58.00, 85.00 & \$145.00
Hudson Seal Coats at 125.00 & 175.00
Seal-dyed Coney Coats at 65.00 & 75.00
Women's Fur-lined Motor Coats at 58.00

Men's Fur-lined Overcoats

Of Oxford cloth or black broadcloth, lined with extra dark Muskrat and finished with collars of Persian Lamb, Natural Beaver or Hudson Seal, at \$65.00

Fur Neckpieces and Muffs**NECKPIECES**

\$7.50 & 18.00

20.00

13.50

20.00, 25.00 & 50.00

17.00, 25.00 & 35.00

18.00 & 35.00

20.00, 28.00 & 50.00

11.00, 15.00 & 20.00

11.00 & 25.00

17.00

20.00 & 30.00

10.00

11.00 & 19.50

18.00

18.00

Persian Paw Sets \$7.50 & 10.00

MUFFS

\$8.00 & 18.00

28.00

13.50 & 28.00

25.00, 38.00 & 50.00

17.00, 25.00 & 45.00

30.00 & 38.00

24.00, 38.00 & 55.00

22.50, 28.00 & 35.00

16.50 & 28.00

38.00

28.00, 40.00 & 55.00

21.00

12.50 & 19.50

18.00

18.00

In addition to the above, a number of Higher-cost Fur Garments and Fur Pieces, including some Imported Models, will be offered at decided reductions from the former prices.

For TUESDAY,**Dec. 2nd****A Sale of Women's Tea Gowns, Negligees and
House Gowns**

has been arranged, and will present, at unusual prices, a specially prepared selection of attractive Indoor Gowns, cut on the season's newest lines and suggesting the acme of comfort.

Tea Gowns of crepe de Chine, in pastel shades and white, trimmed with lace and rosebuds; regular price \$42.00 at \$28.00

Japanese Robes of hand-embroidered messaline, in a variety of charming colors; regular price \$14.50 at \$9.75

House Gowns of French flannel, trimmed with satin ribbon, at 6.50

Robes of blanket flannel or eiderdown at 3.85

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOLIDAY GIFTS

The following articles will be found in the regular stock at the prices quoted.

Desk Lamps \$6.50	Mandarin Coats \$11.50	Children's Silk Umbrellas \$2.25
Piano Lamps 18.50	French Lingerie or Silk Matinees 9.50	Children's Stationery 40c.
French Regulators 28.00	Imported Lingerie Collar Sets 3.00	Infants' French Dresses 1.35
Card Sets, with Chips 8.00	Chiffon Scarfs 2.00	Infants' Carriage Robes 6.25
Celluloid Toilet Sets 3.00	Lingerie Gown Cases 4.50	Infants' Zenana Wrappers 9.75
Celluloid Powder Boxes 85c.	Silk Brocade Veil Boxes 2.00	Infants' Emb'd Silk Moccasins 1.50
Folding Manicure Sets 3.50	Silk Brocade Glove Boxes 1.50	Maids' Dress Lengths of Cotton 1.25
Domino Sets, Leather Case 1.00	Crepe de Chine Handkerchief Boxes 3.75	Maids' Dress Lengths of Wool 4.25
Celluloid Calendars 75c.	Couch Pillows 1.50	Silver Salts Bottles 1.50
Silver Cigar Cases 2.25	Cretonne Boudoir Cabinets 16.50	Envelope Purses 2.25
Silver Match Cases 2.50	Duchesse Lace Handkerchiefs 1.50	Gold Tie Clasps 2.50
Electric Lighters for Smoking Room 5.00	Crepe de Chine Blouses 5.00	Waldemars
Humidors 10.00	Marvex Gloves, for Men 2.10	of silk cord, gold trimmed 3.75
Military Brushes pair 1.25	Short Marvex Gloves, for Women 2.00	Lingerie Pillows 5.00
Dog or Cat Baskets (cushioned) 4.50	Short Marvex Gloves, for Children 1.50	Men's Blanket Bath Robes 5.00
Dog Sweaters 2.50	Boys' Silk Scarfs 50c.	Men's Knitted Silk Mufflers 6.00
Japanese Emb'd Satin Kimonos 22.00	Linen Centerpieces, Lace-trimmed 2.75	

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at \$37.00

In the Lace Department an offering
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Women's Black Silk Hose, with double tops; usual price \$1.50 per pair at \$1.00

Three pairs for 2.85

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Three pairs for 11.50

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